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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 20, 2007, for the above-referenced Nonprovisional Patent Application, in conjunction with a petition for a 2-month extension of time to respond under 37 CFR 1.136. That Office Action communicated a restriction/election requirement between species based on the sequence listing; a copy of the communication is enclosed.

The applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species corresponding to the nucleotide SEQ ID NO: 9, and its generic version, the newly added SEQ ID NO: 11, with preference given to SEQ ID NO: 9 over SEQ ID NO: 11.